

Application Serial No. 10/593,011
Reply to office action of November 16, 2009

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6 and 16-20 are pending before this amendment in which claims 7-15 and 21-22 have been previously withdrawn. By the present amendment, claim 2-4, 6, and 17-18 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

In the office action (page 2), claims 2-4, 6 and 17-20 stand objected to as containing informalities.

The applicants have subsequently amended claims 2-3, 6 and 17-20 to include the limitation that --M corresponds to a total number of modulators such that M is at least 2--. Support can be found throughout the specification and in particular, for example, in FIG. 3 and 4, and pages 17, line 6 to page 18, line 20. Therefore, the applicants submit that the informality noted by the examiner has been corrected and therefore claims 2-4, 6 and 17-20 are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this objection.

In the office action (page 3), claims 1, 5 and 16 are indicated as being allowed.

The applicants agree and wish to thank the examiner in allowing these claims.

For the reasons set forth above, the applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-6 and 16-20, now pending in this application, are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and earnestly solicit an indication of allowable subject matter.

When all pending elected claims are found to be allowable, the examiner is authorized to cancel all withdrawn claims, if any, via an examiner's amendment and issue a Notice of Allowance. The applicants reserve the right to present the cancelled withdrawn claims in a divisional application.

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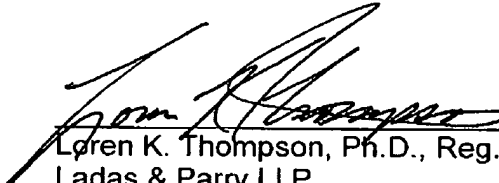
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This amendment is considered to be responsive to all points raised in the office action. Should the examiner have any remaining questions or concerns, the examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to expeditiously resolve such concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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